

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, PINR  
SUBJ: DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM STAFFING

REF: STATE 124532

1. IN MY VIEW, PRESENT ARRANGEMENT OF DAO THAILAND IS  
JUST RIGHT. WITH OUR SECURITY INTERESTS AND TREATY  
COMMITMENTS HERE, IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR ALL THREE  
SERVICES TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTACHE AND ASSISTANT  
ATTACHE, WHO CONSITITUTE OUR CLOSEST CONTACT WITH THAI  
MILITARY CIRCLES. THE CONTACTS NURTURED BY DAO WILL  
TAKE ON EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD AS  
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JUSMAGTHAI CONTINUES TO DRAW DOWN AND ELIMINATES FIELD  
POSITIONS OUTSIDE OF BANGKOK.

2. BANGKOK IS HEAVILY REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN ATTACHES AND  
THE SIZE OF OUR OFFICE IS NOT CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE IN  
RELATION TO OUR BASIC INTERESTS AND OUR BILATERAL RELATION-  
SHIP, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE THAI ARMED FORCES ARE

ESSENTIALLY U.S.-EQUIPPED AND TRAINED.

3. WHILE THE DAO IS TASKED WITH COLLECTING SOME INFORMATION WHICH SEEMS TO ME TO BE OF MARGINAL VALUE, THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED PRIMARILY BY SUPPORT STAFF. THE COLLECTION OF KEY POLITICAL AND POLITICAL-MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IS THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE ATTACHES AND ASSISTANT ATTACHES AND, IN MY JUDGMENT, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A FINE JOB. IN THAILAND, WHERE THE MILITARY IS INEXTRICABLY INVOLVED WITH POLITICS, THE REPORTING AND ADVICE ORIGINATING WITH THE DAO HAS BEEN A KEY FACTOR IN MY AND THE MISSION'S ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL TRENDS.

4. DURING MY TENURE I HAVE BEEN MOST IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY OF THE ATTACHES POSTED HERE. ALL HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF REPRESENTATION AND I DOUBT ANY MISSION IN THAILAND HAS AS BROAD AND DEEP CONTACTS WITH THE THAI ARMED FORCES AS THE U.S. DAO. I WOULD NOTE THAT THEY DO NOT CONFINE THEMSELVES TO BANGKOK. ALL HAVE TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN COUNTRY AND BEEN HOST FOR REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS AT OUR CONSULATES LOCATED IN THE VARIOUS THAI MILITARY REGIONS.

5. IN SUM, I COULD NOT BE MORE PLEASED BY THE SUPPORT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE DAO AND AM QUITE CONTENT TO SEE THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT CONTINUED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ON THE BASIS OF ALL CONSIDERATIONS, I THINK IT IS JUSTIFIED.  
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